

## BOWERMAN URGES FUNDS FOR LIBRARY

Declares Parsimonious Treatment Hurts Institution and Limits Its Work.

### CAN'T MEET BOOK DEMAND

Needed Branches Cannot Be Established, He Says, or Needed Books Secured.

Though Washington, the Nation's Capital, is noted as a repository of rare books, possess one of the largest collections in the world at its Congressional Library, and is a growing center for students and research workers, Congress spends less money on the city's only free Public Library, than is expended on similar libraries in any other city of its size.

Facilities for properly caring for the increasing demand for more and better books are inadequate in the Washington Public Library, due, said Librarian George Bowerman today to the small appropriation allowed by Congress. According to Mr. Bowerman, the per capita expense of the public library in this city is 25c, while in other cities of the same size the per capita expense is as high as 50c.

Get Only \$77,000.

"Why do schools get an appropriation of \$2,500,000 when we get only \$77,000," said Mr. Bowerman. "The schools reach approximately 50,000 students. Through our library we reach over 70,000 and do it on one-fifth of the appropriation of the schools. The large majority of school pupils drop out about the time they get to the eighth grade. In fact only 10 per cent of them go into the high schools.

"By the time a student is through the grade school he has only about equipped himself to read properly. Then is when the library proves its usefulness. But with the present small appropriation, we are unable to take care of the properly. We have a poverty of books. So many times we have to inform a person that the book he seeks is out, or give him a substitute. If we had a fair appropriation this would not happen.

"Last year we were able to increase our library by 1,000 volumes. We bought 15,000 volumes, but we were out by usage over 14,000 books."

### Calls for Branch Libraries.

"I get repeated calls from citizens' associations in Washington asking that branch libraries be placed in their district. I have to inform them that it is impossible, that we do not have the money. No one realizes more than I the need of more branch libraries, and no one more than I would like to have them placed in this city, but we can't do it. We are now doing much more than we should on the small appropriation given us."

"Our appropriation of \$77,000 a year presupposes only one central library and one branch. Instead we have a central library, one branch, and 180 distributing points throughout the city. Our one automobile is kept busy every minute of the day, and is unable to supply the demand."

### Should Have Model Library.

Mr. Bowerman said Washington should have the model library of the United States, instead of one kept mediocre because of small appropriations. He said:

"We ought to have the model free public library of the United States, because so many people come here and spend a few days in our library and then go home. If our local library could be developed as it should be they would find so many innovations here that might be introduced at home, that the whole library system of the country would be improved."

### Clipping Bureau Installed.

Another new department of special value is the clipping bureau recently installed. Every item of interest to Washingtonians is clipped by the librarians and put away for possible use. A general clipping bureau is maintained to clip material on items of general information. At short time intervals information was sought as to how many people had been killed by submarines in the past three years. This information was sought without success elsewhere in the city, and was finally obtained at the Public Library, where it had been stored away by the clipping bureau. Seven large boxes of clippings on the European war have been filed.

A special training class is maintained at the library for training librarians for the Washington library. This plan has to be adopted, rather than employ graduates of library schools, because of the library's inability to pay salaries sufficient to secure library school graduates. The salaries are so low, said Mr. Bowerman, that after the librarians have been well trained they leave for other and better paying positions.

### EULOGIZES LINCOLN

Pastor Says That Martyr President Would Have Defended Rights.

"What Abraham Lincoln would do in the present crisis" was the subject of an address by Rev. D. H. Martin, pastor of the Dumbarton M. E. Church, last night, before the Park Lane Aurora Heights Citizens' Association, at Park Lane, Va.

Rev. Martin eulogized Lincoln highly, saying that it was a misfortune that the nation was deprived of the services of the war President during the period of reconstruction which followed the civil war.

"He would not have tolerated a hyphenated citizenship," said the minister, "he would do something to reduce the high cost of living; the Lusitania tragedy would never have happened; and the Kaiser would find Lincoln a poor correspondent, but might have defended the rights of small nations and defended the rights of his own nation of the seas."

### PLAN CENTRAL DEDICATION

Justice Stafford Speaks at Opening of New High School.

Formal dedication exercises for the new Central High School, at Eleventh and Clifton streets, are to be held Thursday.

Justice Stafford, of the District Supreme Court, will make the principal address. Commissioner Newman is to present the building to the school authorities. It will be accepted by Superintendent of Schools Thurston and Dr. John Van Schaick, Jr., president of the Board of Education.

Friday night a musical program is to be presented by alumni and students. There will be short speeches. The entire building is to be illuminated both nights of the celebration. Guides to show visitors features of the building will be provided.

## SEES SUCCESS FOR CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

Housewives Buying Staples of Home-School Association, Says Its President.

With housewives from all sections of the city leaving orders with members of the Franklin-Thomson Home and School Association interested in co-operative buying, there seems to be no doubt of the success of the plan. Mrs. N. H. Durbin, president of the association, said today.

Individual members of the association some time ago purchased quantities of staples for distribution to other members at cost, thus eliminating the middleman's profit. The development of the plan is being watched by many other civic associations here. At present, orders from women living in various sections of the city are being filled, but it is said this practice will not be continued if it grows any further. The members of the school organization are willing to assist similar groups to organize, however.

### Saving Made On Staples.

Among the staples now being sold are macaroni, potatoes, apples, a substitute for butter, and flour. A quantity of macaroni was purchased at 8c a pound, and is being distributed at that price. The usual cost is 12 cents a pound. Potatoes were bought recently, and are being sold at more than \$2.50 less a barrel than the present prices.

The substitute for butter, composed of nut products, is taking the place of butter on many tables in the community. There is absolutely no difference in the taste of the nut product and the best creamery butter, users declare.

A saving of about 20 cents a pound is made on this one article alone.

The Board of Education recently gave permission to the association to use school buildings for the sale of staples to school children. That said begins today. One cent each is charged. The small profit made is to be given to the playground fund. Under the agreement by which the use of the building was granted by the board, parents probably can purchase, through their children, apples at that price. This would be cheaper than at prevailing prices, it is said.

"When the sale of one commodity grows beyond the capacity of one member to handle without difficulty, then another member will be appointed to assist her," said Mrs. Durbin. "We have every confidence that our plan will succeed. Already there have been some appreciable amounts saved. I think that as long as we keep our service question answered as well as it is now, there will be no trouble."

Plans to buy more widely are being considered.

### EUROPE AGAIN BUYS HORSES.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 12.—After several weeks' absence from the market, belligerent European countries have resumed the purchase of American horses, the latest French order, announced today, being for 20,000 animals.

French army officers began inspection of available live stock at the yards here today.

## MILITARY CENSORS READY FOR SERVICE

Major MacArthur and Lieutenant Belknap Await Some Odd Jobs of News Supervision.

### BOTH EXPERIENCED MEN

Louis McK. Howe, Former Newspaper Man, Also Can Assist in Work.

Two live military censor are chafing at the bits at the War and Navy Departments waiting for some odd jobs of censoring to come along.

Just now the censors haven't much to do but sharpen their blue pencils, but when things begin to break—as every army and navy officer is convinced they will break—there will be a full-fledged censorship in operation from the drop of the hat.

Over in the navy Lieut. Charles Belknap is holding down the censor's desk, holding it down with 100 pounds of brawn and muscle, some of which, by the way, he is likely to lose if the expected happens and the twenty-four hour censorship is put in operation.

### Major MacArthur in Charge.

On the war side, Major Douglas MacArthur is on the job. He was appointed censor when the Mexican difficulty started, and when Pershing came out he stayed on the job preparing for the ironclad censorship the War Department will install if the break with Germany ends in war.

The new navy censor will be able to take care of himself in any scrap with the press his censorship may bring forth. He was on the navy football team for three years and was captain of the team in 1912, his last year. Then he rowed in the navy crew.

### Ten Years At Sea.

Ten of the fourteen years since he left Annapolis Lieutenant Belknap has spent at sea. He served successively on the Kearsarge, Hopkins, MacDonough, Laurence, Maryland, and New Hampshire, and then in 1909 he had his first shore detail, two years at the torpedo station at Newport. He was back to sea again in 1911, first to the Guantanamo naval station, and then to the command of the destroyer Ammen under Capt. W. S. Sims as flotilla commander.

In 1915 Lieutenant Belknap was detached to enter the war college at Newport, graduating with the class of 1916, and later coming to Washington for duty in the office of Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations.

Like most big men of the husky athletic type, Lieutenant Belknap is as docile as a lamb. Some of the newspaper men, popping bespectacled heads into the censor's den for the first time, took in his height and breadth appraisingly, but they all were immediately disarmed by a genial smile.

### Added To the Staff.

Adding the professional newspaper man's experience to the navy censorship work when, or if, it is placed in operation, will be Louis McK. Howe, secretary to Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, and a New York Herald political reporter for years before coming to Washington to help run the Navy.

Mr. Howe, by the way, holds all records for tall and lofty censorship, since he held down the job, sleeping on an office couch and working twenty-four hours a day, during the Vera Cruz occupation. During that exciting period Mr. Howe put over the first big story, the occupation, sixteen minutes after the message

cleared Vera Cruz with manifold copies for all the reporters.

Major MacArthur, the army censor, never has been given a real chance to show what he can do in the art of censoring, because the Mexican expedition didn't pan out to full expectations.

But he stood at the head of a class of several hundred in 1903 at West Point, has risen to the rank of major at thirty-six, graduated with distinction from the engineering school, and is one of Secretary Baker's closest advisers on the army general staff, so he may be expected to hold up the army's end of the censorship game.

### PLAN G. W. U. EXERCISES

First Midwinter Baccalaureate Will Be Held Sunday.

Plans for the first mid-winter baccalaureate exercises in the history of George Washington University, to be held next Sunday afternoon in New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, were discussed last night at a meeting of representatives of the student body, in the assembly hall of the Arts and Sciences Department Administration building, 2023 G street northwest.

The entire student body will form in class units in front of the Medical School building, 1235 H street northwest, at 2:15 o'clock. At 4 o'clock the procession, headed by senior marshals, university officials, and faculty members, will march into the church auditorium.

Rear Admiral Charles Herbert Stockton, U. S. N., retired, president of the university, will preside. The invocation and benediction will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Clarence Augustus Barbour, president of Rochester Theological Seminary, and president of the Northern Baptist convention.

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## VETERANS JOIN IN HONORING LINCOLN

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Pays Tribute to Emancipator At Congregational Church.

A score or two of gray-haired veterans and men who lived before the civil war, surrounded by a host of those who belong to the generation since its close, and those who are members of the younger generation, joined in honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln at the First Congregational Church last night.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon paid tribute to the memory of Lincoln, and applause greeted his remarks. He stated personal reminiscences of Lincoln, and then spoke of the present situation, comparing it to the problems that confronted the martyred President.

### Would Give President Power.

"I hope we will have no war," he said, "but if it comes, right or wrong, the President should be clothed with the power to act."

Congressman Cannon led in "three cheers for Lincoln and the Stars and Stripes," the entire audience joining in the demonstration.

John G. Capers paid a high tribute to Lincoln when he spoke of the reverence in which he was held by the defeated armies of the South.

### Pastor Praises Lincoln.

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auspices of the Department of the Potomac, of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Legion of Loyal Women, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, the Spanish War Veterans, and their auxiliaries. Past Commander A. B. Tasker was the presiding officer.

### GEORGETOWN MASONS DINE

Observe 47th Annual Reunion of Whiting Lodge.

About 150 members of the George C. Whiting Lodge, No. 23, F. A. A. M., met last night in the banquet room of the Masonic Hall, in Georgetown, to observe the forty-seventh annual reunion of the Georgetown Masonic Lodge.

Seventeen past masters served the banquet. James W. Witten, the guest of honor, was introduced by Dr. A. E. Craig, present grand master of Whiting Lodge. The retiring grand master, C. E. Lightfoot, was presented with the past grand master's jewel by I. B. Nordlinger, Rev. D. H. Martin, and Past Grand Master Chauncey G. Graham.

### The past grand masters present were:

D. F. Dumberth, E. H. L. Myers, M. A. Bornheim, M. A. Beckham, A. H. Johnson, E. H. Fowler, W. E. Greaves, F. L. Towner, W. B. Easton, E. H. Darby, C. C. Graham, H. K. Plimner, I. B. Nordlinger, E. W. Ewing, and W. A. Brodie.

### AGED MAN KNOCKED DOWN.

George Washington, colored, seventy-five years old, of 728 Twenty-first street northwest, was knocked down by a wagon yesterday while crossing Pennsylvania avenue at Eighteenth street. The driver of the wagon left the old man lying in the street. Washington was removed to Emergency Hospital, suffering from bruises.

## DANGERS OF A COLD

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Mrs. W. A. Dean, 331 M street southeast, Washington, says: "A cold which settled on my kidneys, brought on an attack of backache. When I swept the floor, twinges shot up from the small of my back and quite often I had to lie down and rest until the pain eased up a little. I always had that tired feeling and it was with the greatest difficulty that I did my housework. Fainting spells and headaches came on at times. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I got some from Hawkins' Drug Store. Two boxes cured me, putting me in fine shape."

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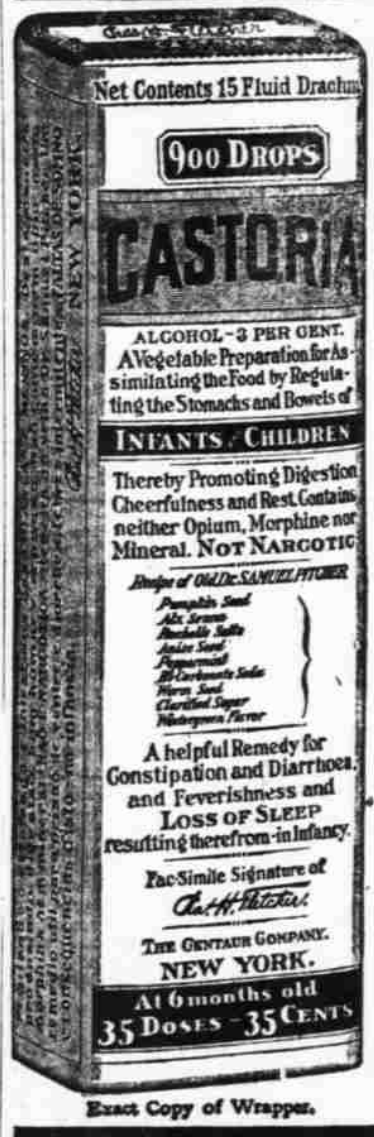
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